

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A gasket removal and cleaning tool comprising, in combination:

an elongate rod having a rotational drive end and an active abrasive attachment end[[]];

an abrasive disk attached to the abrasive attachment end;

a hollow sleeve having a first end and a second end, said sleeve mounted on the elongate rod, said hollow sleeve extending longitudinally for a portion along the length of the rod, said rod freely rotational in the sleeve with said disk attachment end of said rod extending from ~~one~~ said first end and the drive end of the rod extending from the ~~opposite~~ second end; and

a retention mechanism for maintaining the sleeve on the rod with the drive end of the rod accessible to rotationally drive the rod and attached disk, said retention mechanism including a counterbore at one of said ends of said sleeve, and a retainer flange on the rod locatable in the counterbore to limit longitudinal movement of the sleeve and to shield the flange.

2. (Original) The tool of Claim 1 wherein the rod defines a longitudinal axis, and the disk comprises an abrasive pad normal to the axis.

3. (Cancelled) The tool of claim 1 wherein the sleeve retention mechanism includes a counterbore at the drive rod end, and a retainer flange on the rod in the counterbore.

4. (New) A gasket removal and cleaning tool comprising, in combination:

an elongate rod having a rotational drive end and an active abrasive attachment end;

an abrasive disk attached to the abrasive attachment end of said rod;

a hollow sleeve having a first end and a second end, said sleeve mounted on the elongate rod, said hollow sleeve extending longitudinally for a portion of the length of the rod, said rod freely rotational in the sleeve with said disk attachment end of said rod extending from said first end and the drive end of the rod extending from the second end; and

a retention mechanism for maintaining the sleeve on the rod with a drive end of the rod accessible to enable rotational driving of the rod and the attached disk, said retention mechanism engageable within a counterbore in one end of the sleeve whereby the sleeve is limited in longitudinal movement on the rod and the retention mechanism is shielded by the counterbore.